

ordinances and laws aimed at gang related crime. The first step would be a uniform definition of what would constitute a gang related crime.

The current gang situation in North Carolina and where gangs are located

The number of gangs and gang members reported in the current survey is not a definitive and exact count and should not be misconstrued as representing a precise picture of gangs across the entire state. Data from the recent GCC survey provide a snapshot of gangs and gang members drawn from those agencies who responded to the survey and were able to provide data on the number of gangs and gang members within their respective jurisdictions.

Caution should also be exercised when comparing the results of this survey with prior survey data as any increases, or decreases, in the number of gangs and gang members could be attributable to a host of factors. These factors include an increase or decrease in the actual or

Figure 1 : Number of Reported Gangs

